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Status						
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 Ja	anuary 2007.					
	action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>21-53</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>21-53</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Application Papers						
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examine	er.					
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		·				
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)						
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)		Paper No(s)/Mail Date  5) Notice of Informal Patent Application				
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

- This action is in response to Applicant's remarks, filed 1.29.2007. Claims 21-53 are presented for further examination.
- 2> This is a final rejection.

### Response to Arguments

Applicant argues only one issue: that Dobbins only discloses displaying network management information to the system administrator and not the subscribers of the system. Specifically, Applicant argues that Dobbins' filters were directed towards tailoring a web page displayed to a subscriber not the administrator and thus, Dobbins' filters play no part in filtering the network management information viewed by the system administrator. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's position is undercut by Dobbins' disclosure that administrators are a mere subset of the subscribers within his network management system [0067: "verify that the subscriber is an administrator" | 0155: "the special subscribers may include local administrators"]. Through the use of Dobbins' security filter, an administrator simply has access to more resources, such as network management information and subscriber information, than other subscribers; this relationship is reflected in the ability to filter the specific resources that are made available to specific subscribers or subscriber groups, including administrators [0067-68, 0089, 0155, 0156] see also the general discussion of assigning different resources to different types of subscribers: 0102-0135].

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Thus, Applicant's arguments are not persuasive. Since Dobbins' administrators are subscribers, the network management information is passed through both of Dobbins' security and display filters before being displayed to the administrator [0023, 0024, 0037]. Dobbins therefore discloses "executing at least one management information module to generate a portal display of on-line service information...wherein the displayed on-line service information comprises network management information regarding the network resources not excluded by said security filter and display filter." As this was the only limitation at issue, the rejections submitted in the previous action are maintained.

With respect to Lim teaching customers to monitor and manage resources, Applicant argues that Lim does not teach a two-tiered filtering mechanism in displaying such information. While Lim is not necessary in light of the previous remarks with Dobbins, the Office submits that Lim does not need to teach a two-tiered filtering mechanism to display the information. Dobbins teaches such a filtering mechanism and Lim would be relied upon to teach that the information being filtered by the mechanism is network management information. But such a combination is not viewed to be necessary because Dobbins teaches the disputed limitation.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art

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are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

- Since no claims were amended by Applicant, the body of the rejections are not repeated in this action. They can be found in previous actions, filed 11.21.2006, 6.92006 and 12.22.2005. Applicant's arguments were addressed in the Response to Arguments section.
- 6> Claims 21, 22, 26-28, 30, 32, 37-39, 41-43, 45, 47, 52 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbins et al, U.S Patent Publication No. 2002 0066033 ["Dobbins"], in view of Lim.
- 7> Claims 23-25, 31, 33-36, 46 and 48-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbins and Lim, in further view of Rangarajan et al, U.S Patent No. 6.275.225, ["Rangarajan"].
- 8> Claims 29 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

  Dobbins and Lim, in further view of Teijido et al, U.S Patent No. 2002 0053020 ["Teijido"].

## Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dohm Chankong whose telephone number is 571.272.3942.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday [7:30 AM to 4:30 PM].

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571.272.3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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